Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of Kanti (Muzaffarpur) TPS. An agreement of "Partnership in Excellence" was executed between BSEB and NTPC on 30.08.2005 for restoration and improvement of the units.

Loans for the Urban Power Projects expansion in Maharashtra

2382. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Maharashtra has sought loans amounting to Rs. 9,600 crore from the Power Finance Corporation and the Rural Electrification Corporation to finance the Urban Power Projects expansion (1,400 MW), Khapar Kheda Thermal Project (500 MW) and a joint venture project with Chhattisgarh Electricity Board;

(b) if so, the details of loans sought from each Corporation;

(c) whether the loans have been granted; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) No, Sir. Neither Government of Maharashtra has sought loan to the tune of Rs. 9600 crores to finance the Urban Power Projects expansion nor has any proposal with regard to providing loan to joint venture project with Chhattisgarh Electricity Board been forwarded so far. Further, Power Finance Corporation (PFC) has not received detailed loan application in respect of Khaper Kheda Thermal Project as well.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Incentives under APDRP

2383. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Wil the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that during the first two years of the APDRP in the Tenth Plan period, many States have received incentives through reduction in audited losses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the technical and commercial losses in power sector would come down to 15 per cent in 5 years from 2002-03; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) The Government of India has released incentive for cash loss reduction to the various States under Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP), the details of which are as under:

(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No.	Name of States	Year	Reduction in cash losses	Incentive Released
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2002-03	530.22	265.11
2.	Gujarat	2001-02	472.76	236.38
		2002-03	296.16	148.08
3.	Haryana	2001-02	210.98	105.49
4.	Kerala	2002-03	129.88	64.94
5.	Maharashtra	2001-02	275.78	137.89
6.	Rajasthan	2001-02	275.42	137.71
7.	West Bengal	2002-03	146.00	73.00
		2003-04	605.52	302.76
	TOTAL		2942.72	1471.36

(c) and (d) APDRP envisage to check the Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses and bring them down to 15 in towns where it is implemented, by strengthening and upgrading the sub-transmission and distribution system, 100% consumer and feeder metering, energy accounting and auditing, implementing the provisions, relating to theft of power in Electricity Act, 2003, incentivising for reduction of cash losses by State power utilities under APDRP, introduction of High Voltage Distribution System (HVDS) and introduction of IT applications, etc.